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I DELIVERED SUBSTANCE OF PRESIDENT'S SPEECH AND REQUEST FOR SUPPORT IN OAS TO ORTIZ-MENA AS SENIOR MEXICAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL AVAILABLE. ORTIZ-MENA RESPONDED THAT IN HIS VIEW THE SITUATION HAD BEEN ENTIRELY CHANGED BY THIS SOVIET ACTION AND THAT THERE WAS NO ALTERNATIVE FOR ANY AMERICAN COUNTRY BUT TO LIVE UP TO THE RIO TREATY AND TO SUPPORT THE TYPE OF RESOLUTION DESIRED BY THE U.S. HE SAID HE FELT THIS WAS WHAT MEXICO SHOULD DO. HE ALSO AGREED THAT THE U.S. HAD NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO TAKE THE STRONG ACTION THAT WE ARE TAKING AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT SINCE WE HAD TAKEN THIS FIRST STEP WE WOULD NOT ALLOW OURSELVES TO BE DIVERTED UNTIL THE OFFENSIVE THREAT HAD BEEN ELIMINATED FROM CUBA.

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